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PATENTS 1/11/01**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant(s):** Terry L. Thomas**Examiner:** E. McElwain**Serial No:** 08/934,254**Art Unit:** 1638**Filed:** September 19, 1997**Docket:** 8383zyxwvu**For:** PRODUCTION OF GAMMA LINOLENIC ACID BY A DELTA 6- DESATURASE **Date:** January 11, 2001Assistant Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated December 20, 2000, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

IN THE CLAIMS:**Please amend the claims as follows:**

C1 29 32. (Twice Amended) A method of inducing or increasing production of gamma linolenic acid (GLA) in a bacteria or plant deficient [or lacking] in [or producing low levels of] GLA which comprises transforming said bacteria or plant with the isolated nucleic acid of any one of Claims 1-3.

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Dated: January 11, 2001
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